

paid there, and that two-pence sterling the half-ounce shall remain in operation as regards letters by British mails, to be extended to countries having postal communication with the United Kingdom, unless Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom shall see fit to alter the rate thereon to be charged to three-pence currency.

Rates on letters by British mails.

VI. And be it enacted, That the pre-payment of Colonial postage shall be optional to the sender; that all Colonial postage received within this Island shall be retained as belonging to it; and that all Colonial postage received within any other of the British North American Colonies may be retained as belonging to such Colony.

Pre-payment of Colonial postage optional to sender.

Colonial postage, how disposed of.

VII. And be it enacted, That the British packet postage collected in this Island shall be accounted for and paid over to the proper authorities in the United Kingdom; but the Colonial postage on the same letters or packets shall belong to the Colony collecting it; or, if pre-paid to the British Post Office, it shall be credited and belong to the Colony to which such letters or packets are addressed.

British packet postage collected in this Island, how accounted for, &c.

VIII. And be it enacted, That no privilege of franking shall be allowed as regards Colonial postage.

Disallows franking privilege.

IX. And be it enacted, That all newspapers published in this Island, whether addressed to persons resident herein, or to residents in the United Kingdom, or other Colonies, shall pass through the Post Office in this Island free of charge; that printed books, periodical publications and pamphlets may be transmitted by post within this Island at the rate of two-pence

Newspapers exempt from postage.

Rates of postage on printed books, &c.